(d) Does not arise.

Revenue Deficit

1486. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Economic Times (N.D.) dated 7th October, 1995 under the caption "Chelliah urges Centre, States to eliminate revenue deficit"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is Government's constant endeavour to keep the deficit on revenue account to the minimum. However, Plan expenditure on revenue account and transfer to States under Finance Commission's recommendation, both of which are unavoidable, together exceed the revenue deficit in BE 1995-96 by Rs. 28635 crore as shown in the table below:

(Rs. crore)

	1995-96 (BE)
1. Revenue deficit	35541
2. Revenue Plan expenditure	29330
3. Transfer to States on the basis of FC's recommendations	34846
Total (2+3 - 1)	28635

Joint ventures in Textiles sector

1487. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the countries with which Government have set up joint ventures in the field of textiles; and

(b) what are the terms and conditions laid down under the joint venture agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) During the period from 1.8.91 to 30.9.95, Government have accorded approvals to 200 proposals for setting up joint ventures in the field of textiles involving investments of Rs. 1440.42 crores. The details of such proposals viz., name of the Indian company, name and country of the foreign collaborator, equity/investment involved, item of manufacture are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to their Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament library.

Marking on Indian Carpets to Ensure Duty Free Imports

1488. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a system of marking on Indian carpets has been or is being introduced to indicate that the carpets are free from child labour to ensure duty-free imports thereof in different world markets under the World Trade Organisation; and

(b) if so, the details of operation of this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Carpet Exports Promotion Council have introduced a label called "Kaleen" with a suitable logo as a hallmark of certification of carpets to be exported. This will indicate that the carpets exported from India are not produced by the use of hired child labour. However the ""Kaleen" label has no relevance to the duty-free imports in different world markets under the World Trade Organisation. To obtain the Kaleen label, the exporter has to give on undertaking that no child labour has been used for production of the carpets, that he has disclosed the list of looms on which the carpets have been woven, that he has a valid Registration-cum-Membership Certificate and has contributed to the Welfare Fund for weavers.